

VIOLATION LETTER REGISTERED WITH A/D

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भारत सरकार GOVERNMENT OF INDIA खान मंत्रालय MINISTRY OF MINES भारतीय खान ब्यूरो INDIAN BUREAU OF MINES क्षेत्रीय खान नियंत्रक के कार्यालय OFFICE OF THE REGIONAL CONTROLLER OF MINES, Fatorda, Margao, Goa – 403 602

File No.- MAH/SDG/Fe-46/Goa

To, Mr. Sandeep Shrivastava, Partner & Nominated Owner, Kalne Iron & Mn. Ore Mine, Minerals & Metals, 34, Ashutosh, Napaen Sea Road, Mumbai - 400 036

Sub: Violation of provisions of Mineral Conservation and Development Rules, 2017 (MCDR, 2017) in respect of Kalne Iron & Mn. Mine, lessee- Minerals & Metals, over an area of 32.25 ha. in Sindhudurga District of Maharastra State.

Sir,

The following provisions of Mineral Conservation and Development Rules'2017 were found violated in your above said mine during inspection on 28.11.2019 by the undersigned in the presence of Mr. Manoj Thakur, Mines Agent & Mr. Amit Kaisukar, Mines Manager of this mine.

Rule No.	Nature of Violation observed
11 (1)	 The Mining operations required to be carried out in accordance with the mining plan approved, modified or reviewed by the Indian Bureau of Mines. However, Mining operations have not been carried out in accordance with the Review and updatation of Mining Plan approved Dated- 01/04/2019 to the extent indicated below:- Excavation/development of pit is approved to be carried out by formation of regular benches of height 6 m and width more than its height. However, it is observed during inspection that benches are merged in irregular manner with height of benches up to about 12 m and width of benches less than its height at places and this resulted in pit slope failure (collapse of benches) at places. In year 2019-20, Excavation is approved in the area of 7.5 m safety zone between BP-2 to BP-4 by extending the top benches towards north side by 30m to maintain overall pit slope between 28 degree to 35 degree. However, it is observed that top pit benches are not extended 30 m towards north side and thus, overall pit slope of 28 degree to 35 degree has not been maintained. In year 2019-20, Back-filling/Reclamation is approved to be carried in stages in such a manner that 1st level bench from 54 mRL to 72 mRL will be formed and part of 2nd level bench from 72 mRL to 95 mRL will be formed. However, it is observed that back-filling being carried out from 100 mRL to 77 mRL without completing the 1st level/stag. Hence, manner/sequence of Back-filling/Reclamation has not been followed as approved.

- A yearly report setting forth the extent of protective and rehabilitative works carried out as envisaged in the approved mine closure plan has been submitted to this office for the year 2018-19. However, quantity achieved mentioned with respect to back-filling is given incorrectly as in Annual return submitted for year 2018-19, waste generation mentioned as nil.
- **02.** In this connection, it is brought to your notice that the above violations constitute an offence punishable under Rule 62 of MCDR, 2017.
- **03.** The mining operations can be suspended under Rule 11 (2), if compliance of Rule 11 (1) is not found satisfactory.
- **04.** You are advised to rectify the above violations **immediately** and intimate the position to this office **within 45 (forty-five) days** from the date of issue of this letter.

Yours faithfully,

(P. PRAKASH) Dy. Controller of Mines

Copy to: -

Mr. Manoj Thakur, Mines Agent, Kalne Iron & Mn. Ore Mine, M/s Minerals & Metals, Village/P.O.-Kalane, Taluk - Dodamarg Dist- Sindhudurg, Maharastra

> (P. PRAKASH) Dy. Controller of Mines

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Copy To:

- (1) The Controller of Mines (SZ), Indian Bureau of Mines, Bangalore
- (2) The Director, Directorate of Mines & Geology, Government of Maharastra, Khanij Bhawan, Plot No.-27, Shivaji Nagar, Cement Road, Nagpur -440010.

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